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THOMAS J. PROROCK

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Appellant believes that the claimed invention clearly is patentably distinct over the cited references and that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are not well-founded. Hence, Appellant respectfully urges the Board to reverse the Examiner's rejection.

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